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Microsoft is a monopoly, that is undisputed. The goal to the settlement benefiting consumers is to force Microsoft to open up and publish all of their API's. In addition, there needs to be a punitive settlement so as to force them to assist the marketplace. Microsoft needs to be forced to pay for its misdeeds. A cash settlement (4 to 8 billion) needs to be received from the company. These monies could then be given to the states in the case to establish accounts which schools can use for purchasing systems. The schools should then be allowed to use the monies as they see fit. They should engage in RFP processes with vendors then use the money to purchase that which would best benefit the schools.

Microsoft should not be allowed to donate any software, operating systems or computers. The money should be used however the recipient sees fit.

For the long term, the MS monopoly needs to be closely scrutinized so as to better allow for competition. This would be done by forcing publishing of standards (API's) so that applications can be more easily created by vendors as well as opening up the possibility for allowing other operating systems to run software designed for Windows.

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